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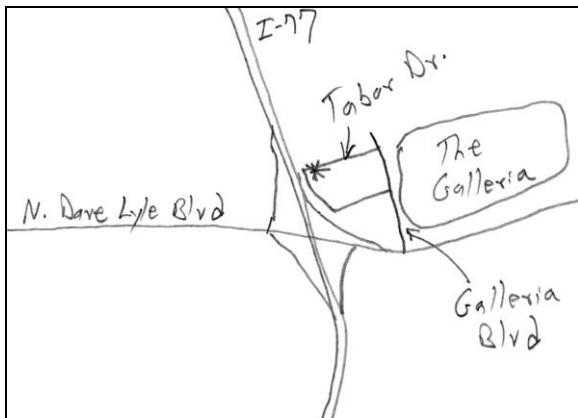
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WHAT'S HAPPENING?

Well there's good news and not so good news this time. First the not so good; we have added only one person to our mailing list since issue #2 of *CARTSNEWS*, and we have had only one additional person take advantage of the free classified ads. Perhaps this only reflects that we are a small group, i.e. there just aren't that many people who collect tokens from the Carolinas. We'll see!

Now the good news - on November 6 the first (annual?) meeting of CARTS will take place at the Hampton Inn in Rock Hill, NC. This Hampton Inn is located at Exit 79 off Interstate Hiway 77 in Rock Hill. See the map below; the hotel is indicated by an asterisk.



Again, this meeting will be free except for the travel expenses you may incur. I plan to arrive at 8:00 AM and drive back home after our meeting, but if you want to arrive Friday night you might want to consider the Micro Tel located about 6 miles North on I-77. No doubt it will be cheaper than the Hampton Inn.

The meeting room is very nice and will accommodate all of us. It's to the left as you enter the hotel, and there will be signs up – at least after 8:00 AM. Here is the program we have planned.

CARTS Meeting, November 6, 2004

- 9:00 AM to Noon – Trading, Selling, Buying, etc.
- Lunch from Noon to 1:00 PM
- 1:15 PM - "Exonomic Cherry Picking", a slide show by Tony Chibbaro. (Tony will illustrate a dozen or so tokens and medals that he has been able to purchase over the years at extremely good prices and talk about the particulars of the purchase.)
- 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM – Discussion on "What will make CARTS a success?"
- End at 3:00 PM

So, pack up your duplicates, join us in November, and enjoy!

If there are any questions contact any one of us. And yes, the email address shown for Don Bailey is correct. I thought any change would be for the good but boy was I wrong. So I'm back with my old server.

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Cherry Picking in Apple Country

Tony Chibbaro

It can get awfully hot in the Midlands of South Carolina during the dog days of summer. As an antidote to a seemingly unending string of 95-degree days last month, my wife and I decided to cool off a little by taking a weekend trip to the mountains of North Carolina. I knew that the mountain apples wouldn't be ripe until Fall, so I thought I would try my hand at some cherry picking instead - some exonomic cherry picking, that is.

We arrived in Asheville on a Friday evening, just in time to experience a sudden downpour which drowned out our candlelight dinner at one of the downtown sidewalk bistros. We set out undaunted the next morning, however, after a gourmet breakfast at the turn-of-the-century bed and breakfast at which we were staying. (Oh-oh, I'm beginning to sound a little too much like Cliff Mishler. I promise not to mention anything more about food!) My exonomic radar must be a finely-tuned instrument, because the very first antique mall we entered produced a hit. On the top shelf of the first glass case in which I looked, sat an item in a small ziploc bag that looked very promising. I tried to read the inscription through the wrinkled and dirty plastic, but all I could make out was "50¢." My anticipation quickened as I asked the clerk to open the case so that I could get a better look at the item. Immediately upon pulling it out of the bag, I could tell it was a trade token - and one that I hadn't seen before. One side of the 50-cent-sized brass token read: TIME / CHECK / 50¢ / W. SCOTT HARVIN and the other: PAYABLE ONLY TO / EMPLOYEES / 50¢ / NOT / TRANSFERABLE.



I was a little disappointed that the token did not show the town and state of origin, but with only a \$3.00 price tag, I figured that, maverick or not, I had me a "cherry" of some sort. The only question was how good of a "cherry" it was. The wording "time check" and "only to employees" brought up the possibility that the token was issued by a lumber manufacturer or a cotton mill.

If so, that would make the "cherry" much sweeter, especially if it could be attributed to a town and state of origin.

A quick phone call to a token-collecting friend produced both good news and bad news in the same instant. The bad news was that the issuer's name did not appear in the digital database of attributed maverick tokens that Randy Partin and I compiled and published earlier this year. The good news was that the issuer's absence from the database meant that if I could positively attribute the token to its rightful place of origin, it would likely be a new find and probably quite rare.

I looked at the token several times over the next few days, and eagerly awaited my return home so that I could have access to my research materials. I figured the token was likely to be from somewhere in the Southeast - it had that kind of look to it - but it was too much to hope that it might be from my home state of South Carolina. Still, when I sat down at the computer, the first thing I checked was my database of South Carolina business directories. (Several years ago I took the time to digitize some of my Dun and Bradstreet mercantile directories. It took quite some time to enter all those names into the computer, but it really saves a lot of time now when I research maverick tokens.) So, hoping against hope, I typed in the last name "Harvin" on the search line and BINGO!! It took all of about ten seconds to find a match. W. Scott Harvin was listed in the 1893 Bradstreet as a lumber manufacturer in Manning, SC. He was listed again in 1908 in Manning as manufacturing lumber and hosiery, as well as operating an electric lighting plant. He was not listed in the 1914 Dun. Well, it now seemed that I had certainly increased the sweetness of my "cherry."



Portrait of W. Scott Harvin circa 1909

Over the next week or so, I was able to gather much more information about W. Scott Harvin. Once I had a place to focus my searching, historical information was not scarce. It seems that Harvin had many irons in the fire throughout his life. At one time or another he operated the following businesses: lumber mill, hosiery mill, electricity generating plant, ice plant, logging railroad, general store, brickyard, grist mill, cotton gin, and turpentine still. Harvin's father had been in the lumber business, so it seemed natural for young Winfield Scott Harvin to follow in his father's footsteps. He worked in the family lumber mill, as well as on the family farm until 1879, when he started his own sawmill, cotton gin, and turpentine still. His brother, C.R., became a partner in the business in 1890. The mill specialized in flooring, siding, and moldings and shipped most of their product to the Northeast. In 1896 Harvin founded the Manning Hosiery Mill and operated it until his death. (It is very unusual to find the same businessman operating both a lumber mill and a textile mill.) He was also mayor of Manning for 4 years and served the town in other capacities for a number of years. He died in 1912 at the age of 58.

<p>THE MANNING BOOMERANG.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <p style="text-align: center;">I C E</p> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * * *</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">W. S. AND L. H. HARVIN.</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Artesian Water Made Into Steam—Steam Made Into Ice—Could It be Purer?</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">Manning Electric Light Plant</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">* * No Dirt, No Odor * *</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">* * * And A Perfect Light * * *</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">:-:Best And Cheapest Power :-:</p> <hr/> <p style="text-align: center;">W. Scott Harvin, Prop. L. H. Harvin, Mgr. C. A. Harvin, Supt.</p>
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Ad from the *Manning Boomerang*

Many thanks are due the Clarendon County Archives for sharing their information on W. Scott Harvin, as well as two of the illustrations included with this article. Their help was very instrumental in upgrading the value of my "cherry" from a \$3.00 unattributed maverick to a \$200.00 fully attributed lumber token. How sweet it is!!!!!!!!!

(If you would like to see more "cherries" that I have picked over the years, come to the swap meet that CARTS is sponsoring on November 6th in Rock Hill. I am planning a slide show that will illustrate some of my best finds. See elsewhere in this issue for the particulars of time and place.)

OLD SPARTA (EDGECOMBE CO.)

Bob King

Note: Old Sparta got its name when Sparta, in Alleghany County, began to thrive. The town was incorporated as Sparta in 1876 and re-incorporated as Old Sparta in 1903.



(All incuse) Good For / 50¢ / In Trade / At / B.F. Eagles //
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Note: Listed in 1883 & 1890 as a general store in Old Sparta. The 1895 Dun lists Eagles & Crisp General Store in Old Sparta and Crisp. The town of Crisp is located 5 miles southwest of Old Sparta. The 1900 Dun lists Eagles and Co., General Store, in Crisp and Eagles is no longer listed in Old Sparta. B.F. Eagles Jr. General Store, and B.F. Eagles & Bro, Saw Mill, reappear in 1907 in Crisp. B.F., Eagles & Co. General Store, is listed through 1930 in Crisp. The tokens were used at the Old Sparta General Store.

CLASSIFIED ADS

WANTED

WANT TO BUY NC TOKENS, one or collection. Have over 500 NC & SC Tokens to trade if you prefer. Traders are from common to rare, general store to lumber company. Bob King 33 Cardinal Drive Brevard, NC 28712, 828-883-8028, tokenaddict@citcom.net

SELL ME YOUR PEANUT TOKENS. I am interested in tokens from Norfolk Storage, Columbian Peanut Co., Franklin Peanut Co., and others. Don Bailey, PO Box 1272, Etowah NC 28729 or ELADON@BRINET.COM

FLORIDA TOKENS WANTED of all types for my personal collection. Singles or entire collections purchased. Give me a try! 850-981-0693 or Steve@Ratliff.com. Also, contact me for free Florida Token Society newsletter and application. Steve Ratliff, 1717 Saint Marys Bay Drive, Milton, FL 32583-7343

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WANTED: SOUTH CAROLINA tokens, medals, encased coins, tags, and all forms of exonumia. I will buy outright or I have lots of good trading material. Tony Chibbaro, PO Box 420, Prosperity, SC 29127. (803-252-1881) chibbaro@mindspring.com

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